# HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Landmark/District:	Capitol Hill Historic District	( ) Agenda
Address:	602 E St SE	(x) Consent
ANC:	6B	(x) Concept
		( <b>x</b> ) Alteration
Meeting Date:	April 22, 2021	( ) New Construction
Case Number:	21-256	( ) Demolition
		( ) Subdivision

Applicants Patrick Finch and Emily Cohen seek concept review for construction of a rooftop addition on a property located in the Capitol Hill Historic District.

# **Property Description**

The subject property is a semi-detached two-story with raised basement brick house built in 1882. At the rear is a two-story rear addition with a small roof deck that has brick parapet walls. The rear of the property is visible from South Carolina Avenue and  $6^{th}$  Street.

## **Proposal**

The roof deck would be enclosed, and the new roof would be in line with the existing addition. The sidewalls of the enclosed roof deck are proposed to be siding, with vinyl windows extending down into the brick parapet walls.

#### **Evaluation**

Because of the views from nearby streets, it would be more compatible with clad this small addition in brick and then paint to match the existing addition at the rear. This would make the addition blend in much better and avoid the awkwardness of the windows spanning two different materials. The Board has previously approved projects which are similarly visible at the rear because of a block's configuration.

### Recommendation

The HPO recommends the Board find the project to be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District, with the condition that the rooftop addition be built with, or clad in, brick, and delegate final approval to staff.

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